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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 03180-0255-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2121  
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Application No.: 09/606,148 ) Examiner: Sunray Chang  
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Filed: June 29, 2000 ) Confirmation No.: 7735  
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For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS, CIRCUIT )  
DESIGNING METHOD, AND COMPUTER )  
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM STORING )  
A CIRCUIT DESIGNING PROGRAM )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.